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In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

“Read! In the Name of your Lord Who has created
(all that exists). He has created man from a clot (a
piece of thick coagulated blood). Read! And
your Lord is the Most Generous. Who has
taught (the writing) by the pen. He has
taught man that which he knew
not.” (96:1-5)

And He said:

“Truly, the religion with Allâh is Islâm.
Those who were given the Scripture (Jews
and Christians) did not differ except, out of
mutual jealousy, after knowledge had come
to them. And whoever disbelieves in the
Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, signs,
revelations, etc.) of Allâh, then
surely, Allâh is Swift in
calling to account.”
(3:19)

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Publisher's Note

Verily, all praises are due to Allâh, we praise him, we seek his assistance and we seek His forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allâh from the evils within ourselves, and our own misdeeds. Whoever Allâh guides, there is none who can lead him astray, and whoever He misguides, there is none who can guide him. I testify that there is no deity worthy of worship except Allâh Alone, and that Muhammad ﷺ is his servant and Messenger.

The following book by Shaikh 'Abdul-Aziz bin Bâz is a brief arrangement of the fundamental teachings of Islâm. It has been prepared in a manner that allows every Muslim to benefit from it with ease. The book has been organized in a fashion that teaches the Muslim some of the basic essentials of Islâm, such as the meaning of *Tawhîd*, how to perform ablutions, and the proper manner and rules of prayer. The entire book has been arranged into lessons, which take the reader step by step in learning the presented topics.

The simplified nature of this book makes it very useful to every Muslim, whether he was born into a Muslim home or a new convert to Islâm. For many years Shaikh bin Bâz has been a key figure in the education and guidance of the Muslim nation. This book represents the Shaikh's concern that every Muslim learns the fundamental necessities of his

religion.

It is with great pleasure that Darussalam presents this valuable work in the English language for the benefit of the Muslims in the west. We hope that our readers receive enlightenment and guidance by studying these lessons. We also would like to thank the translator, Mr. Abu Hamzah, for his diligent work in carrying out this task. Finally, we ask that all of those who read this work invoke Allâh to grant the deceased author, Shaikh bin Bâz, His mercy and blessings. For surely Allâh is Most Merciful with His slaves.

Abdul Malik Mujahid
General Manager

Lesson: One

Memorization of *Suwar*¹

To memorize *Sûrat Al-Fâtiḥah*, and from *Sûrat Az-Zalzalah* to *Sûrat An-Nâs*. Memorization of these *Suwar* should be accompanied with a good recitation as well as a deep understanding of their meanings.



Lesson: Two

The Declaration of Faith

To know the meaning of the Declaration of Faith: ‘*Ash-hadu an lâ ilâha illallâhu, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan Rasûlullâh*’ and to know the conditions of the statement: ‘*Lâ ilâha illallâh*.’ The meaning of the Declaration of Faith is: I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allâh, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His Messenger. The phrase ‘*Lâ ilâha*’ negates the existence of all deities, while the phrase ‘*ilâllah*’ confirms the right of Lordship and Godship to Allâh Who Alone deserves to be worshipped.

The conditions of this declaration are as follows:

¹ Plural of *Sûrah*.

1. Knowledge which negates ignorance.
2. Certainty which negates doubt.
3. Sincerity of worship which negates *Shirk*.
4. Truthfulness which negates lying.
5. Love which negates hate.
6. Complete submission which negates rebellion.
7. Acceptance which negates rejection.
8. Rejection of all those that are unjustly worshiped besides Allâh ﷻ.



Lesson Three

The Articles of *Imân* or Faith

The articles of *Imân* are six: Belief in:

1. Allâh.
2. His Angels.
3. His revealed Books.
4. His Messengers.
5. The Last Day, and
6. The Divine Preordainment, or *Al-Qadar*, the good of it and the bad of it.

